

REMARKS

In this Office Action, claims 1-14 are noted as pending, claims 4-8 are noted as withdrawn, claim 14 is noted as allowable, and claims 1-3 and 9-13 are rejected.

In this Response, allowable claim 14 is canceled and the subject matter thereof is added to claim 1, which should render the sole independent claim 1 allowable, and each of the dependent claims under examination, i.e., 2, 3 and 9-13 allowable. Also, since the withdrawn claims 4-8 are dependent from allowable generic claim 1, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner allow these non-elected species claims as well. Further, claims 2 and 3 have been amended to clarify that the high and low channels recited therein are those recited in claim 1. Claim 4 is also amended like claim 2 to clarify the channels. Finally, a new claim 15 is added to recite the insulative property of the upper and lower partitions, as described, e.g., at page 10, first full paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 and 15 are now in condition for allowance.

If any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Response, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone conference with the Examiner to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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